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The Senate was called to order at 11:25 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Timothy Kehoe of East Hartford, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Please bless us with an inner strength so that our lives and our work may be a blessing on others.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk’s under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated Wednesday, March 6, 2019, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

March 6, 2019

To the Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 38a-7 and Sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint Andrew Mais of Wilton, to be Commissioner of Insurance, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but no longer than March 1, 2023.

Ned Lamont
Governor

REPORT

The following report was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:
Favorable Report of the Senate Committee

Senate Resolution

The following favorable report was received from the Senate Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

Executive and Legislative Nominations. S.R. No. 24 Resolution Confirming the Nomination of Timothy Larson of East Hartford to Be Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education.

Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee

Senate Joint Resolution

The following favorable report was received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

Executive and Legislative Nominations. S.J. No. 26 Resolution Confirming the Nomination of David Jimenez of Hartford to Be a Member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Introduction of Bills

Senate and House Bills and Resolutions

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

Housing

S.B. No. 54 (Comm) Housing. 'An Act Concerning a Landlord's Ability to Review Criminal Records Relating to a Prospective Tenant', to assist individuals with prior criminal convictions to find adequate housing.

Labor and Public Employees

S.B. No. 358 (Comm) Labor and Public Employees. 'An Act Concerning Employee Voting Opportunities', to require employers to allow employees time away from work to vote on the day of an election.

Public Health

S.B. No. 396 (Comm) Public Health. 'An Act Concerning Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy', to require a medical examiner to make a determination as to whether a deceased person with epilepsy suffered a sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy.

Committee on Children
S.B. No. 453 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN OFFICE', to establish an independent Department of Children and Families ombudsman office within the Office of Governmental Accountability.

HOUSING

S.B. No. 608 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF RENTAL UNIT SAFETY', to improve rental conditions for residents of the state.

S.B. No. 686 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING ASSISTANCE', to encourage certain recipients of housing assistance to seek vocational or other educational training.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 1004 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES', to enable small businesses and small business employees to participate in the state employee health plan.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 1005 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEFINITIONS, CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS', to (1) make technical revisions to distinguish references to emergency medical service organizations and personnel, (2) allow ambulance services to add a branch location, and (3) require emergency medical services personnel to initiate, renew and maintain certifications through national curriculum and testing requirements.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 1006 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES', to make various revisions to pharmacy and drug control statutes.

S.B. No. 1007 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES', to make minor and technical changes to Department of Consumer Protection statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

S.R. No. 23 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS - CONNECTICUT BARGAINING UNIT (AFT CONNECTICUT, AFT, AFL-CIO)'

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 5165 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE YOUTH CAMP EMPLOYEES', to require youth camps to conduct background checks of prospective employees.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 5552 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTEER POLICE AUXILIARY FORCE', to create a task force to study issues related
to the volunteer police auxiliary force and to direct the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to recruit and train members of the volunteer auxiliary force pursuant to the task force's recommendations.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 5682 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to amend the policy of the Department of Children and Families concerning financial assistance for post-secondary education expenses by expanding the provision of such assistance to any individual adopted through the department on or after January 1, 2001.

H.B. No. 5683 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRY LAND WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM', to establish a dry land water safety instruction pilot program for children in not more than fifteen municipalities.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 5713 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSIDERATION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF A PROSPECTIVE TENANT', to prohibit housing providers from considering a prospective tenant's criminal conviction after certain time periods.

H.B. No. 5844 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS', to require housing authorities to provide voter registration applications to prospective tenants.

H.B. No. 5847 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS', to establish a pilot program to implement recommendations of the Commissioner of Housing concerning certain state-funded housing projects that provide services to elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6184 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTIONS', to require (1) the Office of Early Childhood to develop a document concerning developmental milestones experienced by children from birth to age three and information on how to access the Child Development Infoline, and (2) child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes to post copies of such document on the premises of such centers and homes and distribute copies of such document to parents and guardians of children under the age of three enrolled in such homes.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 6291 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN GROUP CHILD CARE AND FAMILY CARE HOMES', to clarify and enforce protections for licensed group child care homes and licensed family child care homes and prevent landlords and certain homeowners associations from placing restrictions on the operation of such homes.

PUBLIC HEALTH
H.B. No. 6368 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE WITHOUT THE USE OF AUTOMATIC PREFILLED CARTRIDGE INJECTORS', to reduce municipal costs for emergency medical services by allowing the administration of epinephrine without automatic prefilled cartridge injectors.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6404 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE LIQUID', to prohibit the sale of flavored electronic cigarette liquid.

HOUSING

H.B. No. 6476 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ALLOWING A DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF SERVICE ANIMALS FROM RENTAL PAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING', to allow a person with a disability in subsidized housing to deduct the cost of maintenance of service animals as a medical deduction from their rental costs.

H.B. No. 6892 (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT', to specify certain fair housing goals in the state's consolidated plan for housing and community development and to report progress made toward such goals.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6997 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AND RESOURCES TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS', to require the Department of Education to (1) publish information concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic violence on the Internet web site of the Department of Education; and (2) require the provision of such information to students, parents and guardians who express safety concerns due to domestic violence and parents and guardians who authorize the transfer of education records to another school.

H.B. No. 6998 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ARREST OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES', to require contractors that contract with a local or regional board of education to notify the superintendent of schools for such board upon receipt of information that an employee of such contractor, who has direct contact with students, has been arrested.

GENERAL LAW

H.B. No. 7299 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT STATUTES', to modify existing Department of Consumer Protection enforcement statutes.

H.B. No. 7300 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF LEASING AGENTS', to create a new license for leasing agents.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 7301 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REMOTE ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH', to allow the Department of Public Health to have remote access to electronic medical records of hospitals that involve reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions or reportable tumors.

H.B. No. 7302 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH', to require a study of the implications of the state ratifying and approving the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

H.B. No. 7303 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING DENTAL PRACTITIONERS', to implement various recommendations by the Department of Public Health regarding dental practitioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:30 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.